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## Dissent Is Against The Law in Russia

Our Central Intelligence Agency finds that the Soviet Union is launching its biggest drive against internal dissent since Stalin's death in 1953.

This column revealed in January that important Soviet author Andrei Amalrik, 31, condemning the Communist historians' "twisted history," was sentenced along with the other living dead to three years in a ghastly Arctic tundra labor camp. The only witness permitted to defend him, was his wife, Gyuzel, who was then arrested.



We have learned of other Soviet anti-dissent crackdowns, including the recent arrest of internationally respected Peter Yakir. And putting famous writer Zhores Medvedev in the madhouse is a standard form of Kremlin coercion.

THE CIA INFORMS me that the usual excuse for the horrible madhouse charade is now a "certificate" issued by the Serbsky Institute in Moscow, ordinarily signed by a Prof. D. R. Lunts under the direction of the Soviet KGB secret police.

The Jews? Nearly as many live in Russia as in Israel. Obviously, one of the most fundamental human rights is the right to leave a country. Listen, however, to Red party official A. I. Ivanov speaking to a group seeking to emigrate to Israel: "The decision regarding whether to allow Jews to leave is not the right of Jews, but of the state."

Ulonovtsi is the Russian word for the slave labor; taiga is the slave labor's barbed-wire cage. KGB Lieut. Col. P. T. Smolikov, well known to our CIA, conducts most of the trumped-up investigations. And he is currently in charge of an "investigation" which most certainly would cause opposition among Jews in the Soviet and abroad were it known.

Charged under Article 190-1 of the Soviet Criminal Code (they merely expressed a desire to migrate to Israel), the targets are former Moscow University lecturer Illya Glezer, 35, a biologist whose books have been published in the U.S.S.R. and the United States, and Vladimir Markman, a talented engineer. Both are condemned as friends of Jew Valery Kukui, sentenced in 1971 to three years in a taiga after applying for immigration to Israel.

NOT INVOLVING JEWS but likewise undisclosed in the Kremlin drive against dissent, a number of other CIA examples follow:

On May 14 the Odessa regional court sentenced Ukrainian writer Oleska Riznykiv and microbiologist Nina Strokotova, described as intelligents (intellectuals), to five years in a Siberian taiga for "malicious hooliganism."

Chapter 10, Article 203, Paragraph II of the Soviet Criminal Code lists this as a public safety violation punishable by a year in prison for the first offense and five years for the second.

Nina Strokotova's husband, Svyatoslav Karavansky, is one of the Ukraine's best known political prisoners. He has been in prison (at Vladimir) continuously since 1944: 28 years.

Also in connection with the Strokotova case, author Yuri Shukhevych was suddenly rearrested in March. He was imprisoned at the age of 14 in 1948 and released only in 1968. He is still to stand trial as of this writing.

THE LATEST IMPROVISED against "anti-Soviet agitation" is so-called Criminal Case No. 24. Under this new provision, astrophysicist Yuri Melnik, 26, was sentenced in Leningrad on June 19 to three years in a taiga. His "No. 24" trial was the first held in that law's attempt to suppress unauthorized writings and resulted in widespread arrests unrevealed to us here.

For example, the CIA finds such arrests include 20 Russians at Saratov, on the Middle Volga. Six are accused of tape-recording Voice of America, Radio Free Europe and British Broadcasting Company broadcasts and 14 of reproducing the works of Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn and other dissenting writers.

In Sverdlovsk, east of the Urals, university logician Anatoly Reshetnik, 35, has been sentenced to two years in an Arctic taiga for criticizing Sverdlovsk University's method of teaching Marxism and seven other professors there got from two to five years. Another was committed to a madhouse, again by Professor Lunts under the direction of the KGB.

If the Kremlin masters want you to be guilty, you are guilty, or they make you so. But the CIA now finds that most of the information that reaches us is only symptomatic. The unrevealed breadth of the Kremlin drive against dissent simply has not penetrated the Iron Curtain.